

Eddy Current.

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Good luck is the most popular brand of nerve food.

Penury is often the unexpected wages of the pen.

The man who rides a hobby is apt to deride the hobbies of others.

If wishes were mules lots of beggars would get kicked off the earth.

The longer a man follows the races the farther they get ahead of him.

A man has to have a pretty strong pull to equal that of a dull razor.

A good name will sometimes give you the use of other men's great riches.

Lots of people marry money, but the license is always made out in another name.

It is a signal triumph for the weather man when his prediction happens to come true.

The individual who dives to the bottom of pleasure brings up more gravel than pearls.

The retail dealer doesn't stand well with the manufacturer when the latter has to vary him.

A fool may insult and abuse others, but a wise man gives people credit for what they are actually worth.

Between the enterprise of his butcher and the wastefulness of his cook many a man is done to a turn.

There are now over 5,000 vocations open to women. One is marriage—the others are of minor importance.

An Irish philosopher says his memory is so poor that he frequently forgets one minute what he says the next.

Don't think because a word to the wise is sufficient that people will tumble over each other to speak to you.

The trouble with some men is that they work too hard trying to get things they don't need and never ought to want.

A man's ears are placed so that he may catch the things said to his face. It was never intended that he should hear the things that are said behind his back.

Far more respectable is the poor poor man than the bad rich man; a well-balanced and well-stored mind, a life full of useful purpose, is of far greater importance than worldly respectability.

Hismarch, in speaking about those people who are always complaining of the behavior of the police, said: "I am reminded of the story of the police commissioner of Hanover. A wealthy man complained to him that the policemen were unnecessarily abrupt in addressing the public. 'Well, you see,' said the commissioner, 'I've advertised for society men to join the force, but I can't get them!'"

Courteous but unhygienic was the act of President McKinley, when he recently rode bareheaded through the streets of Boston on a bitter winter's day. He is not by any means the only president who has risked health and life by the same needless exposure. If etiquette upholds or condones the courteous act, then etiquette should be condemned. For some reason our people seem to think that presidents have no more right to cover their heads than a crowd of staring spectators than they have to wear a crown. The wonder is that many of the chief magistrates of this country have not died of pneumonia long before their four years' term of office expired.

When a friend is carried to his grave we at once find excuses for every weakness and palliations of every fault; we recollect a thousand endearments which before glided off our minds without impression, a thousand favors unrepaid, a thousand duties unperformed; and wish, vainly wish, for his return, not so much that we may receive as that we may bestow happiness and recompense that kindness which before we never understood. Let us therefore make haste to do what we shall certainly at last wish to have done; let us return the affection of our friends, and endeavor by mutual endearments to heighten that tenderness which is the balm of life. Let us be quick to repent of injuries which repentance may not be barren anguish; and let us open our eyes to every rival excellence, and pay early and willingly those honors which justice will compel us to pay at last.

According to news cabled to Berlin from the province of Shantung, China, a new rebellion has broken out in the districts around Kiao-Chow. In the district of Tan-Chen-Ghen twenty Christian settlements have been destroyed and four Christians have been killed. Foreign Minister von Buelow has instructed Baron von Hayking, the German minister at Peking, to proceed vigorously against the Chinese government on behalf of German victims of these outrages, the government having already been warned in the case of the abuse of Germans at Tientsin recently.

Legislative.

The senate met Monday morning with eighteen members present, three less than a quorum. A call was ordered and after a wait of twenty minutes adjournment until 3 o'clock Monday evening was taken.

The senate met at 3 o'clock without a quorum and a recess of thirty minutes was taken.

Upon reconvening the senate was still without a quorum and a call was ordered. After several more motions to take recesses and calls of the senate to secure a quorum the body adjourned till 9:47½ Tuesday morning. Ninety-four members responded to roll call in the house Monday morning.

A message was received from the governor, transmitting a communication from Hon. Guy M. Bryan, recommending the removal of the remains of Stephen F. Austin from their present place of interment at Peach Point, Brazoria county, to Austin, and that they be placed in a plain, inexpensive tomb, like the Washington monument at Mount Vernon, at an appropriate place near to and in front of the walls of the capitol. The message and accompanying letter were referred to the committee on state affairs.

The house resumed consideration of the general appropriation bill. The amendment, reducing the salary of the pension clerk from \$1200 to \$1200, was nally adopted.

Mr. Grogan offered an amendment to reduce the salary of the chief clerk of the treasury department from \$1700 to \$1550.

Mr. Childers proposed as a substitute to reduce it to \$1500. The amendment and substitute were both defeated.

Numerous other amendments were offered, proposing changes in salaries in the treasury department, but none were adopted, and the salaries were left as fixed in the bill.

The speaker laid before the house on its third reading and final passage the house bill, to authorize the city councils of cities and towns incorporated under the general laws, to regulate the charges and fix the rates to be charged by all water companies and all other corporations or persons engaged in supplying water or other commodities to the public, or engaged in any other public business within the limits of said cities or towns and occupying the streets and other public places for that purpose, and to prescribe reasonable rules and regulations therefor, and to protect said companies and corporations for persons from imposition. Bill passed.

Editorial Meet.

Cuero, Tex., April 18.—The South and West Texas Press association, an organization including the editors and proprietors of nearly all the daily and weekly papers published in that portion of Texas indicated by its name, convened here yesterday in regular session with a fair proportion of its membership in attendance.

The following was adopted: Be it resolved, that the members of this association, collectively and individually, shall urge upon their representatives, senators and the public the passage of the bill for libel reform to the end that, should the reform be not granted during this session of the legislature, it may be made a plank in all state party platforms in the future until its final adoption.

Man Drowned.

Port Worth, Tex., April 18.—The body of a white man 35 or 40 years of age, was found lifeless floating in the Trinity river near the Texas and Pacific pump house, east of the city. The dead man could not be identified. His body had evidently been in the water for several days. It was badly decomposed. On his person were 55 cents in money, a pocket knife and a shaving brush. The remains were buried in the potter's field. An inquest was held by Justice Milam.

Strike Settled.

Waco, Tex., April 18.—The union carpenters and the building contractors reached an agreement and the union men resumed work yesterday, the eight-hour rule remaining in force, for which the union contended. At the same time the union agrees to retire from the demand for increased compensation. The compromise leaves the matter nearly where it was before the trouble arose.

Many telegrams have been sent to Austin protesting against passage of anti-trust bill.

The Singers.

Granbury, Tex., April 18.—The district singing convention met here and held its sessions in the court-house. There were delegates from Hamilton, Erath, Somerville, Bosque and Hood, and these with the visitors kept the house packed all day. The next meeting will be held in Bosque county. H. W. Elliott was re-elected president and George Tarr secretary.

Finally Passed.

The senate was called to order promptly at 10 o'clock Saturday. As a recess was taken from Friday, and not an adjournment, the chair immediately laid before the senate the pending business, substitute house bill giving the state board of education an option of ten days on county bonds and on bonds of incorporated cities, and providing that if a premium is paid for bonds, the board of education shall refund the same. After several ineffectual attempts to amend the bill it passed to a third reading and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Anti-free pass bill was referred to a special committee.

Dallas charter came up. The vote recurred on Stafford's amendment to strike out section 103, which reads as follows: "To license, regulate, locate or prohibit billiard tables, pin alleys and bowling alleys; to regulate, locate and prohibit disorderly houses and houses of prostitution and prostitutes, and to regulate, control and prohibit gambling houses and games of every kind, lotteries and all fraudulent devices and practices."

The amendment was lost by a vote of 11 yeas to 16 nays.

The chair stated the question: "Shall the bill pass to a third reading?" Stafford caused a breeze by demanding that the bill, comprising eighty-two printed pages, be read in toto.

Gough and Miller objected, but in a few minutes withdrew their objection and the cl. proceeded on the laborious task, commencing at 12:20. After fifteen minutes had been consumed Stafford withdrew his motion for further reading and the bill was passed to a third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—Burns, Dibrell, Goss, Greer, Hanger, James McGee, Miller Morris, Neal, Potter, Stone, Terrell, Wayland and Yantis—15.

Nays—Atlee, Davidson, Johnson, Kerr, Linn, Lloyd, Odell, Ross, Stafford and Turney—10.

The above vote was reconsidered and tabled by a vote of 15 to 10.

Mettzen called up the house bill to provide a mode by which horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle may be prevented from running at large in certain counties and subdivisions of counties, and moved to concur in the senate amendments. Bill passed.

The bill as finally passed applies to Cooke, Ellis, Bell, Montague, Fayette, Johnson, Collins, Rockwall, Lamar, Milam, Denton Falls Navarro, Fannin, Hunt, Tarrant, Grayson Dallas Austin, Guadalupe, and Brazos.

The speaker laid before the house the senate bill to authorize the board of managers of the Southwest Texas insane asylum at San Antonio, in conjunction with the governor, to lease the sulphur water flowing from the artesian wells on the asylum grounds.

Walton offered an amendment, which was adopted, providing that the water shall not be leased to any person or persons unless they shall give bond in the sum of \$10,000, conditioned that they shall erect upon their premises permanent improvements, not less in value than \$25,000, said improvements to be adapted to and used for a sanitarium and bathing establishment and to be completed within one year from the date of the lease. The bill was passed to a third reading.

By Irrigation's Aid.

Waco, Tex., April 17.—Frank Otterworth, a German farmer, who resides one and a half miles south of the city limits on the Waco and Robinson road, is shipping strawberries from his garden, which is irrigated by a well thirty feet deep, from which a wind mill pumps the water. He can not supply his customers, the demand is so great for his vegetables and berries. He thinks he will make \$500 from a plot of ground less than an acre.

Engineer Kills Fireman.

Marshall, Tex., April 17.—W. C. Coleman, a well known freight engineer on the New Orleans Pacific division of the Texas and Pacific railway, is under arrest, charged with killing the fireman, H. V. Lagow, at 12:25 o'clock Saturday morning.

The killing occurred on Coleman's engine that was coupled to a freight train bound for Boyce, La. Coleman claims self-defense.

Large Land Sale.

Washachie, Tex., April 17.—A land sale was consummated in which J. R. Nowlin and Dr. R. E. Fristoe figured, the consideration being \$5000. The land is located near Red Oak.

Mustered Out.

Garveston, Tex., April 17.—Four companies of the first Texas were mustered out Saturday afternoon and left for home that evening. They were companies E, F, G and M, including the Belknap rifles and the souaves from San Antonio, the Kennedy rifles from Corpus Christi and the Pannin guards from Boham. They were given an ovation at the depot.

An infant died on a train near El Paso.

Charter Discussed.

The Dallas city charter bill was laid before the senate again Thursday.

Stafford offered an amendment striking out the section giving the commission authority to license, regulate, locate or prohibit billiard tables, tenpin alleys and bowling alleys, to regulate, locate and prohibit disorderly houses and houses of prostitution and prostitutes and to regulate, control and prohibit gambling houses and games of every kind, lotteries and all fraudulent devices and practices.

Stafford addressed himself to the amendment at length, taking the position that it is giving the commission entirely too much power.

The discussion was interrupted by a message from the governor withdrawing the names of Robert H. Ruice of Starr county and F. J. Maier of Comal county, nominated for notaries, and nominating A. C. Wilmett of Sevier county district attorney of the thirty-ninth judicial district, vice R. C. Crane, resigned. Also nominating James M. Goggin of Maverick county judge of the forty-first judicial district, vice Walter Gillis, resigned, and presenting the names of R. A. McReynolds, W. H. Gilliland, John Dillon, Gus Rigby and A. H. Poland of Jefferson county as pilot commissioners for the post of Sabine Pass.

Patterson was recognized and addressed himself to the Dallas charter. He objected particularly to the proviso allowing the commission to license and control all variety theaters. He declared it would mean the licensing of all kinds of disreputable games, because prize fights could be licensed to take place in the said houses. He appealed to the Christianity of the members to vote against the charter.

Miller stated that Rev. Dr. Rankin, formerly pastor of the First Methodist church of Dallas and at present editor of the Methodist paper, has written a letter indorsing the charter, and in answer to a question Miller said he knew that the reverend gentleman had read the sections regulating variety theaters because he had proposed an amendment to it.

After much discussion the charter was tabled.

On motion of Miller the senate concurred in house amendments to the bill creating the office of state purchasing agent.

Appropriation bill was discussed in the house.

The house then proceeded to the consideration of the Huntington grant bill on its third reading and final passage. Bill passed.

Bank Building Burns.

Leonard, Tex., April 14.—The fire alarm was sounded and it was discovered that the First National bank building was on fire. It was a fine two-story brick building occupied as offices.

The fire originated in the office of Dr. R. H. Crabb and he lost all his office fixtures and library. Value not known.

Postmaster R. C. May occupied an adjoining office as a sleeping room and his loss is estimated at \$150; no insurance.

Ross Bros., lawyers, office was next Total loss \$750; no insurance.

The building was a total loss and worth \$4000; insured for \$2000.

Handsome Cup.

Paris, Tex., April 14.—The fire department has ordered a silver cup of very handsome pattern valued at \$150, which will be presented to the State Fireman's association during its session here next month, to be contested for by the various departments in the state at the annual meetings of the association. The rules for the contest at Paris, which will be held on Friday, May 12, provide for four men to form a team. They are to run 250 feet, connect hose to hydrant and pipe to hose and get water, the team doing the work in the shortest time winning the cup, which is to remain in its possession until the next annual meeting.

Under Bond.

Waco, Tex., April 14.—Rev. Dr. R. T. Hanks of Abilene was arrested here by Deputy United States Marshal L. B. Farris on an indictment charging him with conspiring with two others to unlawfully open and read a letter addressed to another person. Dr. Hanks was here attending the convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of Texas.

On suggestion of District Attorney Atwell, Judge Meek placed Dr. Hanks' bail at \$500, which was furnished instantly.

Lumbermen Adjourn.

San Antonio, Tex., April 14.—After transacting much business, the Texas Lumber Dealers association adjourned to meet at Waco next year.

About Monaghan.

Cleburne, Tex., April 14.—Ensign J. R. Monaghan, who was killed in Samoa a few days ago, is the four one of the class graduating in 1895 at the United States naval academy to meet a tragic death. Ensign Worth Bagley was killed at Cardenas, Merritt went down on the ill-fated Maine and Breckinridge was drowned. Capt. Newt Hall, United States marine corps, of this city, who is now on route to the Philippines on the Badger, was a graduate in this class.

Sustained Chair.

The chair laid the special order before the senate Friday, a house bill relating to the investment of the permanent school fund. Dibrell immediately moved to suspend the regular and special order until the Dallas city charter could be disposed of.

Stafford made the point of order that the charter could not come up because it is a house bill and by resolution it was agreed that each house would consider the bills of the other on Wednesday and Thursday and therefore the bill is pending business for next Wednesday.

The chair overruled the point of order stated that the resolution had for its effect the giving of preference to house bills on Wednesday and Thursday, but that the bill "comes up this morning after the special order is disposed of as unfinished or pending business."

Odell made the further point of order that in order to postpone the special order which is in effect the regular order, would require a two-thirds vote. Stafford, Atlee, Davidson and Linn took the position that Odell's point of order was well taken.

Gough made a counter point of order that the motion is not to suspend the regular order, but to postpone, which only requires a majority vote.

The chair overruled the point of order and put the motion, which was carried.

Stafford appealed from the ruling of the chair and on the appeal moved a call of the senate.

Gough made the point of order that a call could not be had on an appeal from the decision of the chair. The point was sustained and the senate sustained the chair by a vote of 17 to 11.

No action on Dallas charter. Lloyd's bill, to punish any person who shall knowingly purchase for a minor or sell any intoxicating liquors, was passed finally under suspension of the rules.

Davidson, Morris and Miller introduced a bill, which is almost identical with that of the Arkansas anti-trust act, styled, a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the punishment of pools, trusts and conspiracies to control prices, and as to evidence and prosecution in such cases.

The general appropriation bill was laid before the house as pending business at the opening of the morning session of the house Friday.

The pending amendment by Decker, to appropriate \$5598.77 for the payment of the Hogg & Robertson fee, was ruled out upon a point of order raised by Jones.

Several amendments were lost.

On motion of Pitts the pending business was suspended and the house took up the bill of Robertson of Bell, to authorize cities and towns in incorporated under the general laws to regulate the charges and fix the rates to be charged by water companies and all other corporations, persons engaged in supplying water or other commodities to the public or engaged in any other public business within the limits of said cities or towns or occupying the streets and other public places for that purpose, to prescribe reasonable rules and regulations therefor and to protect said companies and corporations or persons from imposition. Passed.

Denison Fire.

Denison, Tex., April 15.—Yesterday morning the corn shelter and mattress factory of Max Fletcher on West Crawford street, just back of the college building, was discovered to be on fire.

Mr. Fletcher's dwelling-house, located just east, next caught and, the wind being from the south, it began to look as though the row of buildings and dwelling houses across the street would go, as great blinding brands of hay and feed were caught up by the wind and carried for long distances, the college building and dwelling houses north being almost bombarded by them.

Large Cargo.

Sabine Pass, Tex., April 15.—The Norwegian steamship Transit, 840 tons, Capt. T. W. Schlytter, of the Port Arthur and Mexican steamship line, John C. Collins, agent, cleared for Vera Cruz and Tampico with the heaviest cargo of lumber, railroad iron and other cargo ever carried from this port.

The American schooner Mary E. Morse, 535 tons, Capt. Dinwiddie, cleared yesterday for Perth Amboy with a cargo of fine Texas lumber to be vulcanized for elevated railroads in Chicago.

The Raleigh has reached Bermuda.

Accidental Killing.

Port Worth, Tex., April 15.—Luther Mobley was shot and killed last night by his room-mate, Emmet Robinson, at the residence of J. E. Johnson.

Robinson's statement to Justice Milam, who viewed the remains, was to the effect that he (Robinson) had been out attending a social gathering, and on returning to his room opened his trunk to lay away some clothing.

Seeing his pistol in the trunk tray, he picked it up and examined it, when suddenly the pistol went off, killing Mobley instantly.

PASTURE AND FARM.

Wheat around Midlothian looks well.

Wheat and oats are doing well around Margaret.

Several consignments of pecans and peas have been recently shipped from Sinton to north Texas points.

Will and Bert Belcher of Henrietta have purchased from their father 1300 head of cattle in LaSalle county.

John T. Germany of Brownwood bought 300 two-year-old heaves of T. J. Lewis and W. T. McClellan at \$20.

Messrs. Fernaux Bros. of Albany received one train (sixteen cars) of steers and stock cattle over the Texas Central.

About 2500 boxes of beans and peas besides fifty cars of watermelons will be the record for Sinton this year, it is said at that place.

Two hundred and ten stock cars have been ordered for the next two or three months in advance to Sinton for shipment of cattle.

The strawberry crop in the Denison section of the country has not been seriously injured by the cold weather of the last few days, but has been set back.

A Grayson county fruit grower says there will be plenty of peaches on seedling trees, many apples and numerous plums this season in that county.

W. T. Waggoner of Wise county has made his father, D. Waggoner, a present of a fifteen month old Hereford bull for which he paid \$600. He is one of Ikard's thoroughbreds.

Messrs. Coleman and Blocker of near Carrizo Springs and Armstrong are on the market in that city in ample amount. Ragleses, in particular, are quite numerous.

E. H. East, a prominent stockman of Victoria county, shipped three train loads of steer cattle to the Territory from J. J. Waldin's ranch near Sinton, where he purchased them.

Jennings of LaSalle, four of the biggest stockmen in Texas, have joined hands in making a gigantic shipment of cattle to the Territory. It will take 2000 cars to carry the cattle.

It is stated that few cattle in the Alice section are ready for early market because of scarcity of water and grass. Shipments from Alice will be lighter than last year for that reason.

Some Grayson county farmers have plowed up almost their entire crop of wheat because the wind had laid bare the roots of the grain and caused the plant to die.

Col. Ike T. Fryer has returned to San Antonio from a week's trip to Frio county and while away purchased a string of some of the best bred and best known herds of cattle in southwest Texas.

H. W. McCoy of Oshkosh, Wis., who is manager and part owner of one of the largest and best cattle ranches in Texas located in Iron and adjoining counties, was a visitor at Fort Worth some days ago.

The ground is being cleared for the new oil mill which is soon to be built on South Center street, Bonham. The machinery has been ordered and will be there in the course of a few weeks. It will start in with the fall trade.

The shipment of garden truck from Corpus Christi by express are rapidly increasing, notwithstanding the bad freeze in February and the lack of rain in that section. A good rain now would cause the garden truck to roll out by the carload, for there are acres and acres of beans, tomatoes, onions, potatoes, etc., planted.

S. B. Burnett, the well known cattleman of Fort Worth, returned from Waco, Groesbeck and other central Texas points. It is understood that Mr. Burnett has recently purchased for his ranch in the Comanche reservation several thousand one and two-year-old steers.

Fearing that the corn they had planted had been ruined by the frost, some Hood county farmers would take no chances, so have planted between the middles. They feel that by pursuing this course they will be able to count on a crop to a certainty.

Corn in Rains county has about recovered from the effects of the recent freeze. Some farmers are planting cotton, but the bulk of the crop will not be planted for a week. Most every farmer is fixing to plant plenty of forage crops.

Powell Garner, who lives near Bella, Grayson county, says that corn planted deep in the ground is all right; that some planted several weeks ago too near the surface was killed after it sprouted by the cold weather nipping it very badly.

Mr. A. T. Kirkpatrick, whose farm is near Glory, Lamar county, says the recent rain did his corn a world of good. Mr. Kirkpatrick says he can feed his hogs on the corn he raises and make money selling the meat at cents.

The country around Corpus Christi still looks green and beautiful, and while the truck farms are not suffering much as yet, the produce is not growing as rapidly as it should and soon will commence to dry up for want of more moisture.